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To: Chief Operating Officer  
From: Director of Facilities  
Date: April 28, 2022  
Re: Motion Response

[by Jackie Doherty): Request the Superintendent provide a report on furniture needs and costs for replacement by school (such as cafeteria tables, lockers, desks, etc.) to the Facilities Subcommittee prioritizing older schools, safety, and equity.

In response to this motion, I visited several schools, as well as sent an RFP via email to all 28 senior custodians asking each of them to look through the school and identify any furniture, school desks, chairs, tables, filing cabinets, school cafeteria tables, or any other items that could cause injury to a student, staff or visitor in our schools, such as loose table legs, broken chairs, beat up cafeteria tables, missing seats, etc. Feedback came back as there were no safety issues with Student desks, Chairs, and Tables; however, my investigational walkthroughs indicated that many of our teachers' desks, filing cabinets, and cafeteria tables were in poor shape, especially our cafeteria tables. Cafeteria tables have moving parts and are lifted and dropped daily over their 30 plus years of service. The Bartlett Community Partnership School has the greatest need here. This school year \$25,000 was spent replacing the Sullivan School cafeteria tables which were in bad shape. Each year we also replace approximately 100 café seats due to wear and tear at a cost of about \$2,500 yearly.

LPS has approximately 980 classrooms district wide, with an average desk and chair count of 29 in each room, each classroom has one teacher's desk, a few have 2, an average of 3 filing cabinets per room, 22 full size cafeterias with an average of 18 café style tables, and 8 smaller schools holding 10 or less café tables. Cost for replacement is approximately \$1,700 per café table, \$120 per student desk, 100 per chair, and \$800 per teacher desk. Operation/ Facilities Department will work with Business Department to start the process of replacing the Bartlett cafeteria table ASAP and will look into creating a multi-year funding plan to address the other furniture needs though out the district.

Any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call me

Rick Underwood